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**STABLE AQUEOUS LAUNDRY DETERGENTS CONTAINING  
VINYL PYRROLIDONE COPOLYMERS**

the specification of which:

- ☐ is attached hereto.
- ☒ was filed as United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/655,972 on September 5, 2000.

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